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SUBJ: SUBJECTS RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR BY PRESIDENT, FOREIGN  
SECRETARY, INTERIOR SECRETARY

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF COPIES OF CREDENTIALS  
TO FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA ON JANUARY 29, FOLLOWING TOPICS  
WERE RAISED:

A. FONSEC REASSURED AMBASSADOR THAT ONCE "HYSTERICAL LEFT"  
HAD LET OFF STEAM HE ANTICIPATED AMBASSADOR WOULD RECEIVE GOOD  
TREATMENT IN MEXICAN PRESS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR MANNER  
IN WHICH AMB HAD FIELDDED PRESS QUESTIONS ON ARRIVAL.

B. FONSEC MENTIONED TIME FACTOR IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SALINITY  
AGREEMENT, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LINING COACHELLA CANAL.  
TIME FRAME FONSEC MENTIONED WAS BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE 1974.  
WHILE JUNE STILL SOME MONTHS OFF, FONSEC HOPED THIS WORK COULD  
PROCEED IN MEANTIME.

COMMENT: EMBASSY REALIZES THAT MINUTE 243 MAKES NO REFERENCE  
TO LINING OF COACHELLA CANAL AND THAT THAT PART OF PROJECT IS  
U.S. DOMESTIC MEASURE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FOR SUBSTITUTION  
WATERS DURING INTERIM BEFORE DESALTING PLANT COMES ON LINE.

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FONSEC'S COMMENTS PROBABLY WERE RELATED TO GENERAL ADOPTION OF

MEASURES TO INSURE SUBSTITUTION (ARTICLE LA OF MINUTE 242) AND THEREFORE AN INDICATION THAT USG SHOULD MOVE FASTER IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SALINITY AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ENACTMENT OF RELATED LEGISLATIVE MEASURES. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION AS SUBJECT LIKELY TO BE RAISED AGAIN.

C. ON FORTHCOMING MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER, FONSEC COMMENTED THAT GOM IS NOT TRYING TO IMPOSE RULES FOR THE CONFERENCE ON ANYONE. HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM ON ANTICIPATED RESULTS OF MEETING.

2. DURING CEREMONY OF PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY AMBASSADOR, (11:00 A.M., JANUARY 30) PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MENTIONED FOLLOWING:

A. HE CITED SALINITY AGREEMENT AS MAJOR PROBLEM IN BILATERAL RELATIONS EFFECTIVELY RESOLVED.

B. PRESIDENT REFERRED TO HIS WELL-KNOWN CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES WITH SOME OPTIMISM, NOTING GOOD RECEPTION IT HAD RECEIVED AND EXPRESSING GRATIFICATION AT U.S. POSITION ON CHARTER.

C. PRESIDENT BRIEFLY MENTIONED HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO EUROPE, NOTING WITH PLEASURE AMBASSADOR'S LAUDATORY COMMENTS AT AIRPORT PREVIOUS DAY.

D. ECHEVERRIA ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFICULTY OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT PROBLEM. HE SAID GOM ADDRESSING THIS PROBLEM NOT ONLY AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL BUT ALSO THROUGH CONTACTS WHICH HE HAD STIMULATED BETWEEN MEXICAN AND U.S. LABOR LEADERS.

3. IN CALL ON RANKING CABINET SECRETARY (INTERIOR) MOYA PALENCIA, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED JOINT EFFORTS IN COMBATING NARCOTICS TRAFFIC. SECRETARY MOYA ATTENTIVE AND RECEPTIVE TO COMMENTS BUT, IN EFFECT, CHANNLED EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD BACK TO ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA.  
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